

Lincoln, Nebraska
June 9, 2010

JUSTICE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Justice Behavioral Health Committee (JBHC) of the Community Corrections Council (Council) met Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in room 204, at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was open to the public and was preceded by advance publicized notice in the Lincoln Journal Star.

Members Present:

Bonnie Brown
Scott Carlson
Eleanor Devlin
Kathleen Grant
Troy Greve
Lori Griggs
Anne Hansen
Jim Harvey
Joan Huss
Linda Krutz
Dallas Massey
Deb Minardi
Mike Overton
Bruce Prenda
T. Hank Robinson
Brenda Rohren
Steve Rowoldt, Co-Chair
Julie Scott
Richard Thomas
Mike Tolley
Barry Walker
Mark Weilage
Linda Wittmuss, Co-Chair

Members Absent:

Dave Carver
Carol Coussons de Reyes
Vickie Frizzell-Pratt
Thomas Glenn
Scott Helvie
Dennis McChargue
Terri Nutzman
Travis Parker
Frank Peak
Kathy Seacrest
Dave Wegner

Council Staff Present:

Tia Bachman
Jeff Beaty

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Linda Wittmuss, Associate Regional Administrator, Region V Services and Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and announced the meeting was subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. Attendance is indicated above. Each member introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about their association with JBHC.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members reviewed the March 10, 2010 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Deb Minardi and seconded by Brenda Rohren to approve the March 10, 2010 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS COUNCIL REPORT

Linda Krutz, Executive Director, Council, gave an update on the activities of the Council since the May 21, 2010 Council meeting. A draft copy of the minutes is located on the Council website. Budgets for Probation, Parole, and Problem-Solving Courts pass-through funds were approved. Krutz also noted the Council took a seven percent cut in fiscal year (FY) 10-11 and is currently having to consider 10 percent below flat budget. The next Council meeting will be held at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences on August 6, 2010.

Krutz noted the Uniform Data Fund Committee has received requests from Probation and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for funding projects. Funding may also be available for Problem Solving Courts, Probation, and Parole for projects that reflect the mission of the Council.

PROVIDER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Joan Huss, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC), gave the Provider Sub-Committee Report. Minutes from the February 18, March 25, and April 15, 2010 meetings are included in the packet. Huss presented a proposed change to the original charge statement to include:

- 1) Develop provider standards for registered providers to treat criminal justice clients
- 2) Develop guidelines which coincide with the Provisional Criminal Justice Substance Use Disorder Standards of Practice (Provisional Standards) by which approved providers will be evaluated/reviewed

- 3) Develop potential processes of review to determine if providers are consistently following the standards, to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Feedback loop
 - b. Pre-review provider assessment
 - c. Consumer input

After discussion, committee members agreed that the proposed charge statement will be included as additional tasks to the original charge statement. Wittmuss said the Curriculum Sub-Committee should meet with the Provider Sub-Committee to share information that has been gathered.

Committee members discussed the Standardized Model and its relation to registered providers. The Standardized Model will be placed on the Council website and then sent out to all committee members. The final report from the Task Force by Denise Herz in 2001 will also be placed on the website and be included on the September 8, 2010 meeting agenda.

A letter dated September 4, 2009, from the Nebraska State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (NSACSAS) was then presented. Wittmuss said NSACSAS members were in favor of best practice and quality improvement in the treatment of offenders and would like to be kept informed of the progress.

A 15 minute break was called by Wittmuss.
Committee reconvened at 10:23 a.m.

CURRICULUM SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Wittmuss gave an update on the Curriculum Sub-Committee. The Performance Rubrics for Addiction and Criminal Justice Professionals has been reviewed by Probation, Parole, Department of Correctional Services (DCS), Office of Juvenile Services (OJS) and the Jail Standards Division of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Crime Commission). The Rubrics will be reviewed by the licensing boards and the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL) research department.

DATA SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR NOMINATION & UPDATE

Wittmuss said the Data Sub-Committee nominated T. Hank Robinson, Juvenile Justice Institute, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha, as the Chair of the Data Sub-committee.

A motion was made by Jim Harvey and seconded by Mark Weilage to approve T. Hank Robinson as Chair of the Data Sub-Committee. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

The Data Sub-Committee met jointly with the Uniform Data Analysis Fund Committee on May 5, 2010. Members agreed that they will meet separately on a regular basis and meet jointly one time a year.

Krutz noted that legislation has appropriated funds from the Uniform Data Analysis Fund to fund the Office of Violence Prevention, Crime Commission in FY 09-10 and FY 10-11. Committee members agreed the spending authority for the Uniform Data Analysis Fund should be spent every year.

Robinson said changes in funding and the economic climate have occurred since the original charge statement was accepted on March 15, 2007. A proposed change of the original charge statement includes:

To facilitate, coordinate, and make recommendations on issues regarding data and automation relative to the needs and goals of Justice and Behavioral Health

This may include but is not limited to:

1. Standardization
2. Data Sharing
3. Report Generalization

A motion was made by Jim Harvey and seconded by Mark Weilage to approve the proposed Data Sub-committee charge statement as presented. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

PAROLE ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Anne Hansen, Deputy Parole Administrator, gave an update on Parole. Parole Information Management System (PIMS) should be operational July 1, 2010. Hansen then noted a shortage of dual diagnosis providers, substance abuse providers, and mental health providers willing to provide treatment to sex offenders. Parole will be providing public education for providers across the state regarding sex offenders within the next year.

Deb Minardi, Deputy Probation Administrator for Community Based Supervision, Programming and Services, said state probation has approximately seven or eight providers that meet the best practice guidelines created by the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (NDVSAC). Dallas Massey, Licensed Independent Mental Health Provider (LIMHP), Licensed Mental Health Provider (LMHP), and LADC, noted that Scottsbluff recently retained a provider willing to treat sex offenders. Mike Tolley, United States Probation, noted federal probation has a provider in Hastings. There are approximately 1,800 sex offenders within DCS, Probation, Parole, and DHHS that require services.

Sex offender update will be a standing item on the agenda.

PROBATION ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Minardi gave an update on Probation Administration. The Fee for Service Voucher Committee, a sub-committee of the Council, continues to meet. Probation has maximized the number of dollars available in relation to the amount of vouchers provided. Minardi also noted that Probation is collaborating with DHHS on training for providers. Modes of training include on-line learning for the judicial branch that could eventually include providers.

Robinson then gave an update on the Remote Recovery Project. Focus groups for the study have been completed and a draft of the pilot has been presented to probation. Robinson noted conversations with the regions to see if aspects of the project will work and meet expectations. Issues have been identified in dealing with offenders outside of Omaha and Lincoln that include timing, isolation, communication, and knowledge.

JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE

Lori Griggs, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, gave an update on juvenile justice and the Juvenile Delivery Service Project. Minardi said the service project is a collaboration between juvenile probation and DHHS. The primary objective is to reduce the number of juveniles that are being dually supervised by probation and DHHS. Eighty percent of services are now being provided to juveniles while they reside in their own homes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Krutz requested that committee members contact Tia Bachman, Administrative Assistant, Council, for any agenda requests as well as notification of absences. Harvey requested that the Justice Mental Health Grant be on the agenda for September 8, 2010. Scott Carlson, Statewide Coordinator for Problem-Solving Courts, Nebraska Supreme Court, requested the possible grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) be on the September agenda as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences, Room 204, Lincoln, Nebraska.

There being no further business, at 11:23 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tia M. Bachman